

**Candidate's Statement:** (should be at least 400 words long and no longer than 1000 words)

I was elected as chair of CF10 last year and prior to that chaired the trust working party. In a very short period of time, the trust has changed from an organisation that most key players at Cardiff Arms Park were keen to avoid to one that meets regularly with all stakeholders. From a standing start, we have quickly become a valued and respected group that is in frequent formal and informal contact with the Cardiff Blues Chief Executive and has attended the Cardiff Blues Board Meeting. We have our own regular pre-match spot in the Pack Bar and even a place in the match-day programme.

We have attracted almost 600 members to date. On your behalf, we have purchased a number of shares in Cardiff Blues and collectively members have proxied over 35,000 shares to the trust-making it the tenth largest shareholder in the company. This is allowing us to make a real impact and our challenge now is to continue to grow this membership and reach our initial target of 1000. It remains our long-term objective to be represented at board level.

Recent weeks have again exposed the fragile nature of rugby at Cardiff. The professional team is allegedly seeking pastures new, having seemingly learnt little from the almost fatal spell at the Cardiff City Stadium. There are those within the company who believe that Cardiff's rugby name and history is within their gift and to dispose of as they see fit. A move away from CAP would no doubt strengthen their position. This really is crucial time for us therefore with difficult and complex battles likely in the coming months. The supporter voice wasn't heard in the Leckwith fiasco- we have to make sure that it is deafening this time.

As many of you will know, since our last AGM I was also elected to serve on the committee of Cardiff RFC. This is entirely congruent with the trust's aim of supporting all teams whose home ground is CAP and has I believe been helpful in trying to develop a more coherent approach to the problems that Cardiff rugby is facing.

I have been proud to be your chair and would be honoured to serve a further term. The board that you elected last year, supported by a number of observer members, has done a terrific job and is an easy ship to steer. Working with them has been an absolute pleasure and we would be delighted to welcome others to join us in the significant work that CF10 is undertaking.